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COUNT BONT'S DUE BILLS

Plea of the Gould Family in the \$1,000,000 Suit.

They Claim That Under the Antenuptial Contract Between Their Sister Anna and De Castellane the Wife Has No Right to Accept Drafts Executed by Her Husband.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The suit by the Gould family to compel payment of \$1,000,000 worth of French debts out of the American estate of Jay Gould, father of the Countess, came up yesterday before the special term of the Supreme Court. Col. E. C. James, counsel for the Goulds, was not ready to defend the suit, and he asked for and obtained an adjournment until Thursday, the court permitting the allowance of \$250,000 a year to Anna Gould de Castellane to continue until then.

George J. Gould, Edwin Gould, Helen M. Gould, and Howard Gould, trustees under the will of Jay Gould, then filed their answer to Dittmar's complaint. In effect they alleged that the bill of Anton Wertheimer for a bric-a-brac, antiques, etc., which bill was assigned to Dittmar, was a fraudulent bill, inasmuch as the goods furnished were not genuine, and that Count Bont de Castellane had been cheated by those who now seek to collect from him large sums for worthless articles.

The Goulds further set up a technical claim that there was an antenuptial contract between Anna Gould and Count Bont de Castellane, under which she was to retain separate estate in her estate; that when she endorsed and accepted Count de Castellane's drafts and notes she did so without his written consent; that he, furthermore, had no legal right to give his consent to her acceptance and endorsement of drafts and notes for the payment of his own debts, and that such drafts and acceptances are, therefore, null and void.

This answer shows that when Count Bont de Castellane was to buy, say, \$1,000,000 worth of bric-a-brac, pictures, and antiques for his Paris mansion and his country chateau, and did not have the ready cash to pay for them, he dazed the dealers with stories of his millionaire American wife's dowry, and of the \$20,000,000 trust fund in her name. He gave the dealers notes and drafts signed by himself, and formally accepted by his wife, which were then regarded by the dealers as worth their face value in gold, but which are now repudiated by the Count, the Countess, and the Countess's brothers and sisters in America as having no legal power to bind the Gould estate to honor them.

Some of the allegations in the complaint are as follows:

"These defendants allege that the pretended indebtedness, purported to be represented by the alleged drafts and acceptances, was a fraud, inasmuch as the goods sold by Asher Wertheimer to the defendant, Bont, Count de Castellane; that the said Wertheimer induced the said Count de Castellane to purchase the said goods at exorbitant prices, by false and fraudulent representations, knowingly made by him, as to the character, antiquity, maker, cost, and value of said articles, with the intent to cheat and defraud the said purchaser; that in said transactions he did knowingly and purposely cheat and defraud said purchaser, and said drafts and said acceptance represent the proceeds of said cheat and fraud; that the alleged acceptances of said drafts by the defendant, Count de Castellane, and Countess de Castellane, were also induced by said fraud, and are fraudulent and void.

"The defendants allege that by an antenuptial contract, entered into between the Count and Countess de Castellane, it was therein agreed that their marriage should be under the status known in France as a separation of property rights. These defendants further allege that under and by virtue of the laws of France, the acceptance of a draft by a married woman who has a separation of property for her husband, does not constitute a joint and several liability. That by virtue of the civil law of France such an acceptance by a married woman under a contract for separate property jointly with her husband constitutes only a simple promise, and as such has no binding effect, and constitutes no charge upon her separate estate; that by virtue of the laws of France an acceptance of drafts or bills of exchange by a married woman having a contract for a separation of property is null and void without the authorization in writing of the husband of the said married woman to accept such drafts or bills of exchange, and that a husband has no capacity or power to give his wife valid authority to accept such drafts to charge her separate estate where the acceptance of said drafts is for the purpose of guaranteeing the payments of debts contracted by the said husband, and that all of the alleged drafts and acceptances set forth in the complaint, given by Count Bont de Castellane in payment for alleged indebtedness, are, therefore, null and void."

IRONWORKERS' WAGE SCALE.

Effort of the Trust to Secure an Early Settlement.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18.—An attempt will be made by the Iron and Steel manufacturers of the country to settle at once, instead of waiting until next year, the wage scale for 1901-1902. The first move in this proceeding was made yesterday, when the Republic Iron and Steel Company made a formal request to the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers for an immediate conference with them.

It is believed that the American Steel Trust, and other concerns of equal importance, set forth in similar requests. The rules of the Amalgamated Association give the manufacturers the right to ask for a settlement as soon as they wish, but there is no precedent for the latest move. Hereafter the manufacturers have always put off the wage conference until the latest day possible.

AT THE THEATRES.

The National—"Zaza."

Fresh from triumphs in the British capital, Mrs. Leslie Carter returned to Washington last evening in the great Belasco adaptation, "Zaza." The audience crowded the National to the doors and accorded to play and players the attention warranted by undoubted merit. Mrs. Carter simply repeated her former success here, winning call after call following the great scene of the fourth act. There is none of the mechanicalness usually noted in plays long interpreted by the same company; even the bits are naturally done, while the production goes as smoothly as is possible.

There is scarcely an alteration in the cast of "Zaza" since its original production in Washington. The costs and it would be simply carrying coals to Newcastle to repeat the various words of commendation showered upon the players. One can only say that "Zaza" is as good as ever. No greater praise can be given. The most commendable of the extended cast are Charles A. Stevenson, Marie Davis, Marie Smith, Eleanor Stuart, Marie Davis, and Hugo Toland. Saturday matinee only.

The Columbia—"San Toy."

Persons who will want to witness the best musical comedy of the year will flock to the Columbia Theatre during the week and view "San Toy." They will applaud the delightful music, laugh at the merry comedians who are legitimately funny, and do not resort to horse play, wonder at the magnificence of the costumes and stage setting, and go into ecstasies over dainty little Minnie Ashley, whose feet are the sprightliest and whose dancing is the most graceful and artistic of any young woman on the American stage. In short, the audiences that will attend "San Toy" during the engagement in this city will coincide in the opinion that a more pleasing musical place has not been seen since the days of the Gilbert and Sullivan alliance.

The company is the same, with one exception, that of Marie Celeste, that was seen during the remarkably successful season in New York, and includes James T. Powers, George Fortescue, Melville Stewart, Wilfred Clarke, Minnie Ashley, Flora Zabelle, Carolyn and Frances Gordon, Miss Millard, and a number of other exceptionally entertaining young men and women.

The Grand-Harry Williams' Company.

"The Harry Williams' Show, the current attraction at Chase's New Grand, is a good, all-round performance, without any features that deserve undue prominence, but it is a bill that will please persons who enjoy vaudeville. The chief entertainers are Frederick Hallen and Mollie Fuller, who present a sketch by Herbert Hall Winslow, entitled "A Desperate Pair," and if the playette were as good as the players it would be one of the best things in vaudeville. As it is, only the clever work of Mr. and Mrs. Hallen saves the act from failure.

Zazel and Vernon are two of the best horizontal bar performers a Washington audience has seen for some time, and their work with the Williams' show is one of the features. Lawrence Crane spends a large portion of the time allotted to his act to the egg and the bag trick, shown on several previous occasions at Chase's by Horace Golden. Other tricks go well with the egg and the bag, and the St. Onge brothers perform the tricks on wheels common to comedy bicyclists. The audience is well entertained, while the brothers close the performance with a good exhibition of trick tumbling and difficult acrobatics. Matinee daily.

The Lafayette—"The Lottery of Love."

For the fifth week of their season, the Lafayette Stock Company has selected Augustin Daly's comedy "The Lottery of Love," which has been seen by a comparative few, and so the choice is a little one in that, aside from the piece being distinctly amusing and clever, it may be looked upon as an almost new production. The plot deals with marriages and rearrangements to the extent that before the final curtain everybody in the piece is related to everybody else, and a man's divorced wife becomes his mother-in-law. Miss Percy Haswell is charming as Jo, "the girl in the lottery," and Miss Kate Kruger is seen to advantage as Diana, the role formerly played by Ada Rehan. Miss Louise Mackintosh gives an intelligent drawing of the interior of a modern home, and dances the sailor's hornpipe, attired in bloomers. Eugene Ormonde, as Adolphus Doubledt, scores another success, and Charles Wyndham is a good Tom Dangerous. Robert Rogers, John Daly Murphy, and Frederick Sullivan take excellent care of their respective parts and the other members of the company are well cast.

The Academy—"The Three Musketeers."

Manager Stair's own company, supporting Harry Glazier in a version of "The Three Musketeers," has been formally attracted at the Academy of Music, and the large audience of last night evidently found much to commend in the performance, for applause was frequent and hearty. The organization is considerably better than one would expect in a popular price production, and will easily take rank with more pretentious ones.

The star, Mr. Glazier, is an intelligent young actor, with a good deal of dash to his work, and a resonant voice. He uses with telling effect in several of the more stirring scenes of the play. The Richelieu of John Barrett, the Buckingham of Charles Sullivan, and the Veronique of Miss Glazier, are all well cast. The production is a popular one, and the audience is well served. The play is a good one, and the performance is a good one.

Kernan's—"Irwin's Big Show."

Fred Irwin, who may always be looked to to furnish a good burlesque entertainment, provided the current attraction at the Lyceum and styles the company, "Big Show." It is in many respects better than the average traveling burlesque organization, and there is every indication that the engagement will be financially profitable. The burlesques are entitled "The Man With the Punny Touch" and "A Good Thing."

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The ceremony will be attended by only the members of the two families, and be followed by a reception, for which several hundred invitations have been issued.

Judge Emil Hugel, of Berne, Switzerland, whose marriage to Miss Ethel Miller, a well-known lawyer of Berne and brother of the former Chancellor of the Swiss Legation here, Miss Camp, and her fiancé met for the first time in Europe and the marriage next week will be the climax of a pretty romance.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. McKay-Smith gave a dinner last night in honor of their guest, Bishop Potter, of New York, who is spending a few days at the Capital, and another company of dinner guests were entertained by the Costa Rican Minister and Mrs. Calvo.

The guest of honor was the United States Minister to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Salvador, Mr. William L. Mer. The other guests were the Secretary of War and Mrs. Root and Miss Root, Mrs. Perez, daughter of the Mexican Minister, the Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Hill, the Guatemalan Minister, and Brazilian Minister, Mrs. de Assis-Brasil, the Chilean Minister, the Nicaraguan Minister, the Peruvian Minister and Mrs. Calderon, and the Bolivian Minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropper were also among the entertainers of last night. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Simmons, of Charleston, S. C., Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McKim, Dr. and Mrs. Loring, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Richardson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Pos-

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Young Richmond Woman Said to Be a Kleptomaniac.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—Governor Tyler is daily receiving a great number of letters appealing to him to pardon miss Annie Wyatt, the girl convicted of stealing from her employers, and now serving a 90-day sentence in jail. Yesterday the executive mail contained a great number of letters appealing for clemency.

The Governor feels that evidence is accumulating to prove that Miss Wyatt is a kleptomaniac, and that her friends had known it from her earliest childhood. Several kleptomaniacs of more or less social prominence have escaped prosecution in recent years. This fact, too, will be pressed upon the Governor's attention in urging her pardon.

It is believed that when the list of Christmas pardons is made out it will contain the name of Miss Wyatt who is now in the city jail. Yesterday Miss Wyatt had a great throng of women visitors at the prison.

Aged Woman Breaks Her Neck.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 18.—The house of Jess Carmel, near Woolford, in Caroline county, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Mr. Carmel's aged aunt, in attempting to save herself, jumped from a window and broke her neck.

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